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From A Judge, Too!

If a private citizen had written what Justice William O. Douglas has written in his book, "Points of Rebellion," we do not doubt that he would be called to account and his case probably reach the Supreme Court, where Douglas has sat for 31 years. For instance, Douglas writes:

"George III was the symbol against which our Founders made a revolution now considered bright and glorious. . . We must realize that today's Establishment is the new George III. Whether it will continue to adhere to his tactics we do not know. If it does, the redress, honored in tradition, is also revolution."

So we're as bad as King George in our Justice's eyes!

Acknowledging that violence has no constitutional sanction, Douglas states, "But where grievances pile high and most of the elected spokesmen represent the Establishment, violence may be the only effective response."

Now, there's an invitation if we ever heard one.

The Establishment which Douglas equates with George III, he singles out one by one, leading with: The Pentagon, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Central Intelligence Agency. These are the heart of our national defense. The book, a slim 97-page volume, will be published February 19 by Random House.

If the rest of it is as incendiary in its advocacy of rebellion as these few quotations, the book should be closely examined by the Senate Judiciary Committee. It should decide whether these ideas constitute an incitement to revolution, and if they do, what penalty the incitor should pay.

When in the last two years, three nominees for the Supreme Court have been put through the wringer for their beliefs and acts, surely these tenets, which strike at the institutions that support our government, and promulgated by a sitting member of the Supreme Court, should certainly be searchingly weighed by Congress.